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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bernard DAUTREPPE, et. al. Group Art Unit: (not assigned)

Serial No.: (not assigned)

Filed: (herewith)

For: EASY-TO-OPEN COVERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 wherein gripping tab (46) is positioned according to a generating line of said cone and is located between two lines of weakness (43, 44) and fastened to said opening strip (45), said tab (46) using said notches (460, 461) to automatically direct the tearing strain when said cover is opened towards said two lines of weakness (43, 44) such that said cover is opened easily, ensuring the remaining lower part 11 of the cover located beneath said lower line (44) stays intact and said cork wire 3, if fitted, is freed.

4. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 wherein said tab (46)